



Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics has been part of the Hoosick Falls community for more than 17 years and is the largest employer in the village, with approximately 200 employees. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics intends to continue building on its long-standing commitment to Hoosick Falls and remains invested in the Hoosick Falls community.

By way of background, in December 2014 when Village officials notified Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics that testing of the village water identified levels of PFOA above the provisional standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics voluntarily notified local, state, and federal officials and worked quickly, diligently, and proactively with these officials. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics first voluntarily provided bottled water to Hoosick Falls residents, then installed point of entry treatments systems (POETS) to filter the water, and has funded the design, installation, and operation of a temporary granular activated carbon filtration system that removes PFOA from the water. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics has taken these measures even though it does not make PTFE or PFOA, a substance that manufacturers of raw materials had used in the past in order to make PTFE.

The water filtration system has been effective. In March 2016, the New York Department of Health informed Village officials that, due to the water filtration system, the municipal water of Hoosick Falls shows non-detectable levels of PFOA. To build on these important steps, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics is voluntarily funding a long-term filtration system and has worked closely with state officials to obtain the necessary approval to implement this solution. This long-term system is expected to be operational by the end of this year. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics has taken all of these steps even before any determination has been made about potential causation or contribution.

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics remains fully committed to working closely with local, state, and federal officials with a shared focus on ensuring that the people of Hoosick Falls have drinking water that meets or exceeds current advisories set by EPA and New York and is fully committed to the investigation of the PFOA source and/or sources which is just getting underway.